

Statement by Mr. Amadou Jaiteh (the Gambia), Coordinator of the draft resolution on “The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction” (item 84)

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/74/L.6 on behalf of the Bureau

Mr./Mdm. Chair,

I have the honour to introduce, on behalf of the Bureau, the draft resolution entitled “The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction”, contained in document A/C.6/74/L. 6.

The draft resolution is a technical rollover from last year’s resolution, as agreed upon during our informal consultations on 24 October 2019 following two meetings of the Working Group. I would like to thank His Excellency Mr. Michael Imran Kanu of the Republic of Sierra Leone for stepping in as the coordinator of the draft resolution during my absence.

I will briefly introduce the technical updates. In particular, the **second preambular paragraph** has been updated to include a reference to General Assembly resolution 73/208 of 20 December 2018.

The **third preambular paragraph** has also been updated to take into account the discussions held in the Sixth Committee on this item at the present session.

In **operative paragraph 2**, the Working Group was again given the mandate to continue its discussions on the scope and application of universal jurisdiction during the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly.

Operative paragraph 3 again invites Member States and relevant observers to the General Assembly to submit information on the scope and application of universal jurisdiction, and requests the Secretary-General to submit his annual report to the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session.

To harmonize the language in the resolution with operative paragraph 3, **operative paragraph 4** was updated to indicate that relevant observers “to the General Assembly” will be invited to participate in the work of the working group.

Under **operative paragraph 5**, the General Assembly would decide to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fifth session an item devoted to the topic.
Mr./Mdm. Chair,

This concludes my introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/74/L.6. I commend it to the Sixth Committee for adoption without a vote. I extend my gratitude to delegations for their support and urge delegations to continue their engagement on this topic during the intersessional period.

Thank you.